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TOPIC Military Information from the Letzling Heath Training Area

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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SOURCE

1. Between 8 and 13 February 1951, the camp in the woods at Letzling Heath (M 53/Y 53) was still occupied by only a guard detail. There was no vehicular traffic. No Soviet troops were stationed in Born. *
2. The billeting area at the artillery range in Hillersleben was surrounded by a fence, about 3 meters high, which obstructed the view. Only two garages, filled to capacity with trucks, were seen. The noise heard from the billeting area indicated that the installation was occupied. Troops observed at the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, and motor transport insignia; and black-bordered red epaulets. **

- 25X1B 3. The former komendatura building, previously the post office, on Thaelmannstrasse, formerly Hagenstrasse, in Haldensleben was occupied by about 10 officers and 40 EM. One truck was parked in the yard. Local residents referred to this staff as a komendatura, although no signboards designated it as such. During the first part of their stay in Haldensleben, the officers of the staff reconnoitered the vicinity. Source thought that they investigated billeting facilities, approach roads, etc. in connection with the troop training grounds. ***

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Comment. Camp Born to have allegedly quartered 5,000 to 6,000 troops in mid-December 1950. This information is contradicted by the present report which is given more credence.

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Comment. North of Hillersleben there are two barracks installations not too far from one another, one to the northwest and one to the northeast. Source is believed to have referred to both which are occupied by component units of the 19th Gds Mecz Div.

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Comment. cited in the first Comment, reported that the komendatura in Haldensleben, whose location he failed to describe, was still serving its purpose. He probably obtained this information from local residents. The present report indicates that the former komendatura building may now house a staff whose functions are connected with the troop training grounds in Letzling Heath.

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